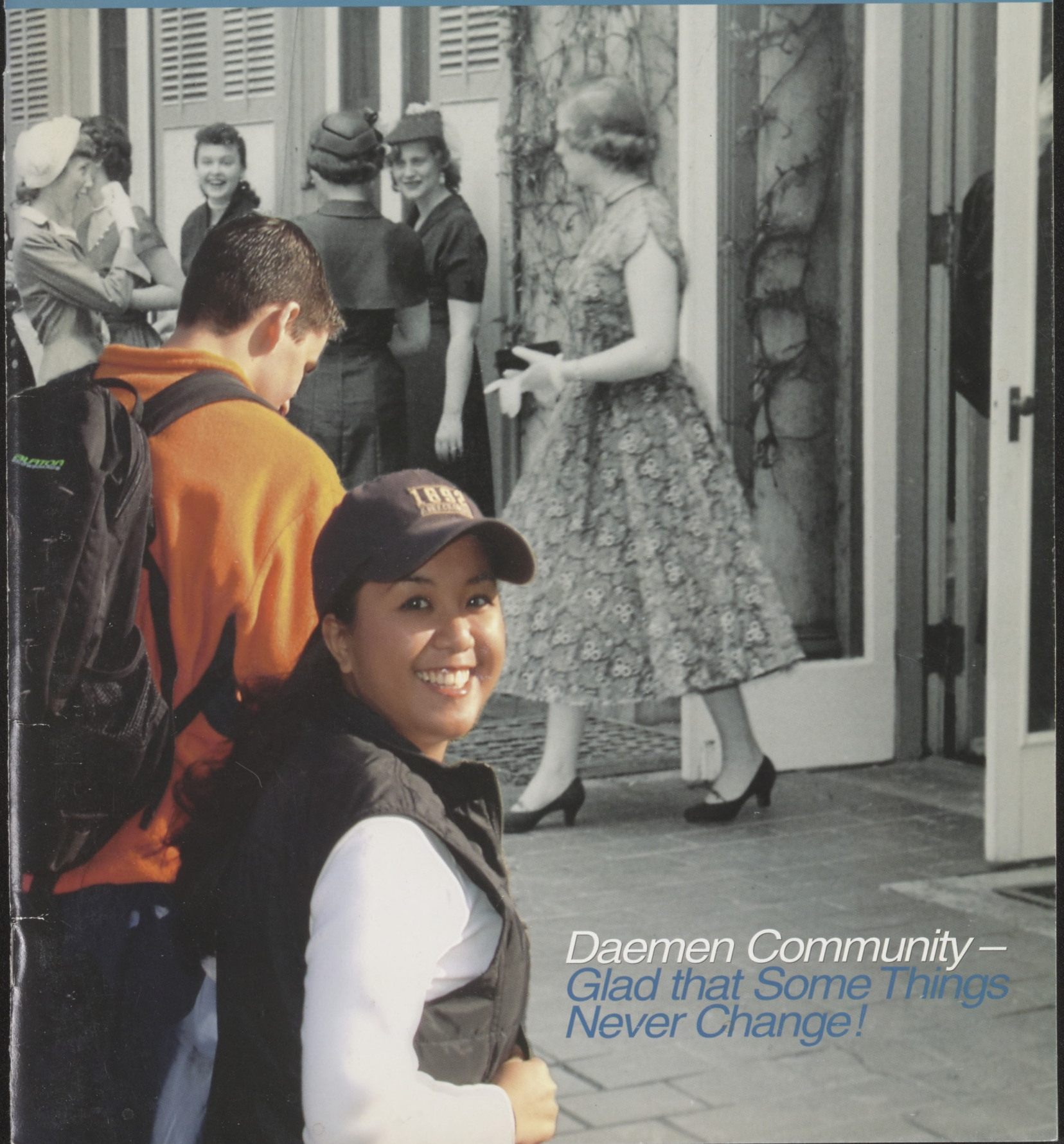


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*Daemen Community —  
Glad that Some Things  
Never Change!*





There are few resources more critical to the teaching and learning environment at any College than its library. Since the 1960's, Marian Library has served this purpose admirably at Daemen, and Rosary Hill. But higher education, perhaps now more than ever, must change and evolve as it continues to fulfill a critical need for today's and

tomorrow's students. And as higher education progresses, so must the tools and facilities necessary to maintain high standards of excellence in teaching and learning.

With these thoughts in mind, I am pleased to announce that plans are moving forward for a brand-new library and informational center at Daemen College. While Marian Library has become an integral part of our campus, we must move forward if we are to be able to continue to provide a first-rate resource for our students and faculty. For more than a year, a special committee has been meeting to determine exactly what our new library should include, what it should provide for our students and faculty,

and what type of finances are necessary to make it a reality.

This committee has had the benefit of receiving many powerful ideas about exactly what type of learning and informational center this new library will be, and we are very excited about reaching this point in the planning process. We will be reviewing design proposals this spring, and hope to select a final one very soon. This will be an important addition to the Daemen campus, and to our surrounding community as well. We look forward to providing additional details on this key piece of Daemen's future later this year.

*Martin J. Anisman*

Martin J. Anisman  
President, Daemen College





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# *Daemen Community— Glad that Some Things Never Change!*

**C o l l e g e** can be a place for trendsetting, whether in fashion, popular music, political action, or other areas of contemporary thought and style. And trends suggest change – one year it's bell-bottom pants and fanny packs, the next it's low-slung jeans and the now-ubiquitous cell phones.

But one thing that never goes out of style at Daemen College is the tradition of teaching excellence and community service that took root early, in the days when the school was known as Rosary Hill

College. Trends come and go, but timeless concepts of great teaching, character development and commitment to community endure across generations. They're woven into the fabric of the Daemen College mission: Preparing students for life and leadership in an increasingly complex world.

Consistency is a time-honored thread at Daemen. Indeed, subjects taught by the Sisters of St. Francis at Rosary Hill – English, history, social work, art and philosophy – remain in the current curriculum, together with professional programs like

physical therapy, physician assistant and nursing.

*Daemen Today* spoke with Daemen and Rosary Hill alumni, some of whom are trustees of the College, plus student alumni ambassadors, to get their perspective on how their campus experience was or is consistent with unwavering dedication to quality teaching and service learning.

Sister Dorothy Mueller, Provincial Minister of Sisters of St. Francis/Stella Niagara, joined the Daemen College Board of Trustees in the fall of 2003. She graduated





from Rosary Hill in 1966, where she majored in education and was herself a young Sister. One of her great joys is seeing how the tradition of community service continues to this day.

"The sense of community at the College was a real advantage," says Sister Dorothy, who believes the Franciscan spirit that permeated the College encouraged respect for individuals. "Now, outreach programs like the Seneca-Babcock Center of Excellence are a continuation of the College's early mission. It promotes the concept of care for

*"I've met people who'll be a part of my life forever. Formal education is a large part of college, but it's what you do and who you meet outside of class that really have the biggest impact on your life."*

*Jillian Delmont '04*

one another and service to one another. I'm so pleased this is still happening at Daemen."

Sister Dorothy, who was an elementary teacher and education supervisor before joining the Order of St. Francis, notes that her instructors at Rosary Hill were highly dedicated. She credits the College's liberal arts orientation with broadening her horizons and helping to move her into other ministries, in addition to the education field. "My experience at Rosary Hill gave me the expertise to move into other areas. It gave







Senior Amanda Moen



Sister Dorothy Mueller '66 Provincial Minister, Sisters of St. Francis Stella Niagara.



Caroline Buerk '59, Chair of the Daemen College Board of Trustees.

me a good foundation to pursue additional courses, like a Master's degree in education."

Now she's excited to serve on the Daemen College Board of Trustees.

"It gives me an opportunity to help see that the College continues in an expanded direction," she explains.

The direction that Caroline Buerk took, after graduating from Rosary Hill with a history degree in 1959, was law. She's now Chair of the Daemen College Board of Trustees and partner in the Buffalo law firm of Phillips Lytle. Buerk says the small size of Rosary Hill and accessibility of faculty were key benefits that helped shape her future.

"The best part of my college experience was that it was a small school, but a good school, and I think at that point in my development it was the right place for me. I got the instruction and the closeness to my professors that I needed at that time.

"One of the steadfast benefits of smaller institutions like Rosary Hill was the opportunity to get to know professors well, plus a faculty committed to personalizing education.

"The neat thing for me, having gone to Rosary Hill, is that while none of the people I had then are still teaching there, I still have a strong connection to the Franciscans themselves," says Buerk. "And that's been a great thing. Be they the same people or different, their goals are the same and the College's goals are the same. None of that has changed."

One of Daemen's goals is to be student-friendly, treating every student not simply as someone to

be educated in the classroom, but also as a friend, welcomed into the Daemen community. James Felicita, a junior majoring in political science and pre-law, says what he likes best about his Daemen experience is how he is treated everywhere he goes. Felicita is enthused about Daemen people – from his professors to the maintenance and cafeteria staff.

"I just love the people that represent Daemen," Felicita says. He recalls, even as a high school senior first having contact with Daemen, how he was impressed with Daemen staff.

"I cannot go down the hall today without stopping and saying 'hi' to a staff member, and almost being late for class as a result!" he quips.

Great staff includes professors, particularly those in the history and government and pre-law department. The reason is clear, when you realize how serious Felicita is about a law career.

"Not to be corny, but I love law and everything about it. It fascinates me, and my professors are as deeply fascinated by it as I am," he points out. Felicita, who knew from age six that he wanted to be a lawyer, notes that courses in criminal justice, judicial process and the presidency are destined to be most relevant to his career. "I'd add biology, too," the junior resident assistant points out. "It challenged me, and anything that challenges me is fun."

Having a good time and learning are not mutually exclusive concepts. And it has been something of a tradition for generations at Daemen. Among many students whose Daemen career has meant a



long list of enjoyable experiences is Amanda Moen, '04. "Daemen has opened several doors of opportunity for me," Moen says.

"I'll never forget the time I spent in England. It was my first time flying and visiting another country (besides Canada), and it was amazing to experience the culture I had learned about for a semester," she recalls.

As life-changing as her trip abroad was, she reports that her most rewarding experience began when she became a resident assistant.

"I've been a freshman RA for the past two years and wouldn't trade it for the world. It has its ups and downs, but the overall experience has been unforgettable. Both the professional and student staff are amazing. I've made some of the closest relationships; when I joined the RA staff, I joined a family."

Moen, a communication and public relations major, notes that through her RA work she's gotten to know a wide range of Daemen people.

"Being an RA has allowed me to have a louder voice on campus. I've become more involved in student organizations and feel I'm making good use of my time. One of the reasons I decided to become an RA was that my past RAs made my transition from high school to college an easy one. I wanted to be there to help other students like I was helped. The benefits, friends and outcomes will last an eternity."

Teaching excellence for Moen has come in many forms, including inspiration from favorite professors. She says her PR and journalism courses will be most relevant to her chosen field, especially those that have honed her writing skills

and helped her think more creatively. Says Moen, "I knew right away this was the path for me to take, because I was happy with my work and the material we were learning."

"In addition, my professors often invited outside speakers to talk to us about their positions, and I loved that," she adds. "It's nice to learn about what people are doing with their degrees, and it gives me a rough idea what to expect when I enter the workforce."

What's more, Moen adds, her cooperative field experience enabled her to get a practical glimpse into what her future entails.

"It allowed me to get out of the classroom and into the real world. I'll be doing another co-op this spring, and I'm looking forward to yet another experience in my

field." She adds that a speech class she took has helped her become a more confident public speaker, even though it's not a required course in her major.

Required or not, you never know when some courses that at the time may seem tangential may move to the forefront of your work. That's what happened in the career of Dale Demyanick '79, a partner in the accounting firm of Lumsden & McCormick, LLC, in Buffalo, and secretary/treasurer of the Daemen College Board of Trustees.

Demyanick describes the small, personal atmosphere of Daemen College, a characteristic of life at this campus since the early days of Rosary Hill, as helping to give him the feeling of being part of something. He enjoyed the camaraderie



Members of the Teen Program at Seneca St. Church (part of the Seneca-Babcock/Daemen College Partnership) on a tubing field trip with Daemen College students and driver.





Dale Demyanick '79, enjoying a break while backpacking in Fishguard, Wales.



Senior Nelis James



Sophomore Sara Hertlein

and the fact that professors opened up the world to him.

"In high school, it was sort of regimented," he said. "But to go on to college and see what was out there, how people thought and acted, was eye-opening. There's a huge world out there, not one limited to the few square miles where I grew up. Most of my upper-level classes were five or six students, so you were close to other students and the professors."

Demyanick is quick to discuss his love of history and fondness for the history courses he took in college, and how even studying subjects outside the realm of your career path can pay dividends. History opened his eyes to travel.

"I've been to Europe twice, and to Central America. I've backpacked with a friend across northern England. It makes you a more worldly person."

Sophomore Sara Hertlein, Class of '06, a physical therapy major, has become more worldly herself, you could say, thanks to her work this past semester on the Daemen Student Alumni Ambassadors Leadership Cabinet, forging a connection between the school and its alumni. Through this organization, Hertlein has met a wide range of

people and built relationships destined to last for years.

Spring 2004 was Hertlein's first semester in the professional phase of the physical therapy program, where she learned foundation concepts she expects to use in her career. Consequently, she considers her musculoskeletal rehabilitation lecture and lab as one of the most relevant to her future work. She points out that learning patient evaluation and testing, history taking, how to recognize patterns, and simple patient interaction are critical to success as a physical therapist.

Interaction is also central to the best part of the Daemen experience for Jillian Delmont '04. The relationships formed during her college years have been the most rewarding part of campus life, she says.

"I've met people who'll be a part of my life forever. Formal education is a large part of college, but it's what you do and who you meet outside of class that really have the biggest impact on your life. Daemen provides all the means necessary for an outstanding life outside the classroom."

Nelis James '04 plans on becoming a rehabilitation counselor. The senior psychology major says the psychology classes she's taken will be most relevant to her goal, since becoming a rehabilitation counselor involves knowing the foundation of psychology, how to conduct research in psychology, and knowing different aspects of developmental disabilities.

Again, the advantages of small class size and the supportive attitude throughout the Daemen



community are not lost on James.

"The most rewarding part of my Daemen experience is its class size and social aspect," she says.

"Everyone at Daemen is friendly and helpful. Classes are small, and everyone receives the individual attention they need. Daemen has really met my expectations, and if I had to do it all over again, I would surely pick Daemen as my first choice of schools."

Finally, Daemen and the medical community are glad Thomas P. Stewart, Ph.D., selected Daemen (Rosary Hill at the time he graduated cum laude in 1974, majoring in biology and chemistry). The Daemen Board of Trustees member credits both individual professors and the spirit of self-discovery at the College with shaping his quest for knowledge and sense of personal mission.

It was the creative academic atmosphere that helped build the foundation from which Dr. Stewart went on to achieve his present position as president and CEO of Gaymar Industries, Inc. of Orchard Park, NY, a national health care products manufacturer.

"When I asked my instructors to let me think outside the box, they let me do it. It was an invaluable experience," Dr. Stewart notes.

"I learned I could do anything I wanted and that you're only limited by your own imagination. I don't think anyone at Daemen ever told me I couldn't do something. That's stayed with me all these years."

By Paul Chimera



Dr. Thomas P. Stewart '74, President and CEO of Gaymar Industries.



Junior James Felicita



Daemen's first after school program on the West Side, which began through the Center for Sustainable Communities and the Service Learning Department this semester. The program is held at West Side Community Services, 161 Vermont Street.



Senior Jillian Delmont





**Cheryl Bird** has been named director of community relations for Daemen's Center for Sustainable Communities and



Civic Engagement. Bird had been coordinator for the College's Center for Community Excellence in Buffalo's Seneca-Babcock neighborhood.

As director of community relations for the Center, Bird is responsible for

overseeing the education and health initiatives and programs Daemen has developed in Seneca-Babcock and on Buffalo's West Side. Supported by a \$600,000 grant from The John R. Oishei Foundation, the Center links the core curriculum of the College, liberal education, and civic engagement with the development of practical skills.

Bird has over 20 years of management, training, marketing and consulting experience with companies in Atlanta, GA; Washington, DC; and Buffalo. Bird holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the State University of New York at Oswego, and a Paralegal Certificate from the National Center for Paralegal Training in Atlanta.

**Lauren Breen** has been named executive director of the Daemen



College Center for Sustainable Communities and Civic Engagement. Breen was most recently a clinical instructor of law at the University at Buffalo Law School. She holds a J.D. from the University

at Buffalo (awarded a Birzon Prize in clinical legal studies), and an A.B. degree from Georgetown University.

As executive director of the Center for Sustainable Communities, Breen will be responsible for curriculum development; initiating and managing community outreach programs

associated with the Center; promoting applied research through a faculty-student think tank, and publishing the findings through an occasional paper series; creating and maintaining a clear curricular and community-based link between sustainability and civic responsibility through the Center; and grant writing in subject areas covered by the Center.

**Dr. Patricia R. Brown** is dean of enrollment management at Daemen College, and, as a member of the President's Cabinet, now reports directly to Daemen President Dr. Martin J. Anisman. Dr. Brown began her new position in January, 2002. Prior to



coming to Daemen, she held the position of director of a three-year Bachelor's degree program at Northern Arizona University. Her prior experiences include program coordinator at Northern Arizona;

vice president of institutional relations at Bethany Center in Horseheads, New York; and director of alumni relations at the State University of New York at Oswego.



**Susan Fenster** has been named director of marketing at Daemen College. Prior to her appointment, she had most recently been working for Daemen as an independent marketing consultant.

Fenster is also owner/principal of Susan Fenster Marketing, a full-service marketing company that assists businesses and not-for-profit organizations in meeting their expansion goals.

Fenster holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism, cum laude, from Buffalo State College. Prior to establish-

ing her consulting firm, she had worked in the legal services industry for 15 years, most recently as Director of Client Services at Jaeckle, Fleischmann & Mugel, LLP.

**Jennifer Koch Gibson** has been



named Daemen College director of corporate and foundation relations. She was most recently director of development at the University at Buffalo, where she developed a donor portfolio in excess of

\$15 million dollars. Gibson holds a Ph.D. in comparative literature, and a Master of Arts in art history from the University at Buffalo. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history, from the State University of New York College at Buffalo. A member of the External Relations Department, she joined Daemen the first week of October.

As director of corporate and foundation relations for Daemen, Gibson's primary responsibilities include identifying, cultivating and soliciting support from corporations, corporate foundations, private foundations and other organizations. Moreover, she will focus specifically on private sector funding for capital campaign initiatives at Daemen, which include the new library/information center, and funds for scholarship endowment.



**Cara Innus** has been named assistant director to the Daemen College Physician Assistant Program. Innus is a 1999 graduate of the Daemen PA Program, and winner of the Charles Lumsden Award for highest

cumulative grade-point-average throughout her college years (3.99). She also holds a Master of Physician Assistant





# Faculty & Administration

Studies degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center Distance Learning Program.

Prior to joining the Daemen PA Department, Innus worked with the program evaluating upper-division students' written patient notes from clinical rotations, and performing site visit evaluations at clinical locations. She was also employed at Highgate Medical Group, P.C., where she initiated an asthma management program for the family medical group practice.

**Cheryl Littlejohn** has been named tele-education coordinator at Daemen. Littlejohn most recently managed media programs and video technology assisting instructional and informational programming for Community School 53 in Buffalo. She



holds a Bachelor of Science degree in art education from Daemen. In her new position, Littlejohn will be responsible for continuing to develop and coordinating the growing educational conferencing programs at Daemen, and marketing them to high schools and professional education constituencies throughout Western New York.

## Richanne Cunningham Mankey

is dean of students at Daemen, and the chief administrative officer responsible for managing all aspects of student life programming. Also a member of



the President's Cabinet, she reports to President Dr. Martin J. Anisman. Prior to her appointment at Daemen, Mankey was most recently vice president for student affairs and dean of students at Ohio Northern University. She is a doctoral candidate in the Department of

Organization and Leadership at the Teachers College, Columbia University. Mankey holds a Master of Science in education, social agency counseling from the University of Dayton; her Bachelor of Arts, in psychology, is from Ohio Northern.

**Dr. Kirsten M. Nielsen** has been named to a position as anatomist in the Daemen Physical Therapy Department. Dr. Nielsen's Ph.D., in anatomy and neurobiology, is from Boston University School of Medicine. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in physical therapy from Daemen College, and an



Associate's degree in liberal arts from Broome Community College. Prior to joining the Physical Therapy Program, Dr. Nielsen practiced physical therapy for Partners Home Care, Inc., in Rockland, MA. During that time, she was also a graduate teaching assistant and prosector at the Boston University School of Medicine, in the subject areas of gross anatomy, neuroscience and microscopic anatomy.

**Gregg L. Shutts, PA-C**, assistant professor and chair of the Daemen College Physician Assistant Program, was granted tenure this past fall, effective with the commencement of the 2004 academic year. He will remain as assistant professor and chair of the Daemen PA Program.



**Justine M. Tutuska** has been named director of Daemen's Health Care Studies Program. Tutuska holds a Master of Public Health degree in health promotion from San Diego State University, and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from the State University of New York at Oswego. She is a licensed massage therapist,



holding a certificate from the New York Institute of Massage. Tutuska is also the owner of Body Mind Essentials, a Buffalo small business focused

on promoting individual wellness for clients.

**Gwen Walker** has been named director of purchasing for Daemen College. She was previously requisitions/mail-room manager. Walker began working at Daemen in 1990, holding staff support positions in Community



Service, Education and Physical Therapy. She has served on various committees, including Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity and Quality of Life.

**John Zaepfel** has been named computer software trainer/support technician for the Academic Computing Center. He has a Bachelor's Degree in computer science from the State University of New York at Buffalo.







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Ruth, who lost her battle with cancer last year, was a beloved and admired member of the Daemen

A committee of faculty, staff and administrators, led by faculty members Kristin Fries and William Predmore, has established the

family, and she was instrumental in developing the Criminal Justice minor, the degree in Political Science, and the degree in Environmental Studies. The endowed scholarship fund that now bears her name will give faculty, staff, alumni and members of the community the opportunity to make a donation in honor of Ruth's memory, while acknowledging the academic excellence of the students that her memory will inspire for years to come. If you would like to make a donation to the Ruth Stratton Endowed Scholarship Fund, please contact Betsy Gemerek in the development department at (716) 839-8372.



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## Honoring Our Benefactors

a Distinguished Honoree during the awards luncheon at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Buffalo. Mr. Dedecker's relationship with

friend Charles Lumsden recruited him to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Dedecker subsequently served as a Trustee of the College for many years. His investment in the College has continued beyond his tenure as a Trustee, both through the support of the Matthews, Bartlett & Dedecker Scholarship Fund, and the Janice B. and Adrian F. Dedecker, Jr. Endowed Fund for the Arts.

Mr. Dedecker is seen here on the left at the luncheon with friends Charles and Gloria Lumsden.

*This past November,* Daemen had the opportunity to honor a long-time supporter of the College during the National Philanthropy Day Celebration. Adrian F. Dedecker, Jr. was acknowledged as

the College was highlighted in 2001 with the dedication of the Janice B. and Adrian F. Dedecker, Jr. Parlor in historic Rosary Hall.

Mr. Dedecker was first introduced to Daemen College when his

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## 2003 Benefactors Reception

Alumni and friends gathered at the home of President Anisman and his wife, Dr. Cheri Anisman, in October to celebrate their generous contributions to the 2002-2003 Annual Fund.



Pictured from left: 1. Paul and Dr. Mary Ricotta, Anne Heide and Dr. Cheri Anisman. 2. Joyce Fink, '52, Eileen Hogenkamp, '62 and Joyce Torre, '90. 3. Long-time supporters Gerald and Kathy Saxe. 4. New Trustee Wayne Wisbaum and College President Dr. Martin J. Anisman.





## Daemen Launches

# Holistic Wellness Initiative

Daemen College has launched a Holistic Wellness Initiative, offering multiple opportunities for members of the Daemen community and the general public to participate in an innovative program designed to foster health and wellness of mind, body and spirit. The program offers a wide variety of classes, seminars, lectures and workshops. The goal of the initiative is to advance an expanded consciousness of both individual and collective health and well-being, as well as to serve as an opportunity for healthy living practice.

The Daemen College Holistic Wellness Initiative is focused on

furthering the awareness, appreciation and integration of a mind-body-spirit-earth paradigm in the definition, pursuit, promotion and sustainability of personal and universal health and well-being. Program offerings present a balance of scientific, philosophical and spiritual perspectives regarding healthy living. Goals include, but are not limited to: Encouraging the development of a lifelong, reflective, and adaptable holistic learning community; embracing scientific/spiritual and cultural diversity; providing opportunities for the local community for comfortable assembly, discussion, and experience of holistic wellness concepts and practice; and supporting individuals and members of the community in their pursuit of wellness. Program participants choose from a monthly Lecture/Discussion Series; Yoga, Tai Chi and Meditation Mini-Workshops; Yoga, Tai Chi and Meditation Classes; and an on-campus summer retreat.

The monthly three-hour evening lecture series explores a mind-body-spirit-earth paradigm of personal and universal health and well-being. Topics follow a general progression from basic science to philosophical to spiritual perspectives of the mind-body-spirit health and well-being.

The Yoga, Tai Chi, and Meditation Mini-Workshops, structured as stand-alone educational and practical

introductions, will be offered six times per semester, for participants with no previous experience and/or knowledge of these traditions.

The initial hour of each workshop will be dedicated to an introduction to the discipline, overview of the philosophy and summary of the scientific support as they relate to holistic wellness. The remaining two hours will be an opportunity for the participants to practically experience these disciplines via guided practice by a qualified instructor.

The Yoga, Tai Chi and Meditation classes, for those with any level of experience and/or knowledge, will be offered weekly until May, 2004, and will afford the participants a progressive opportunity to practically experience and enhance their proficiency with each discipline.

Finally, a five-day on-campus summer retreat will be offered, with the theme focusing on a mind-body-spirit-earth paradigm of health and well-being. The retreat will offer morning and evening yoga, tai chi, meditation and Pilates classes; lectures and experiential instruction sessions; optional complementary wellness services; facilitated discussion sessions; as well as housing and natural health foods and beverages. This event will be scheduled to take place as soon after the end of the spring semester as practical.

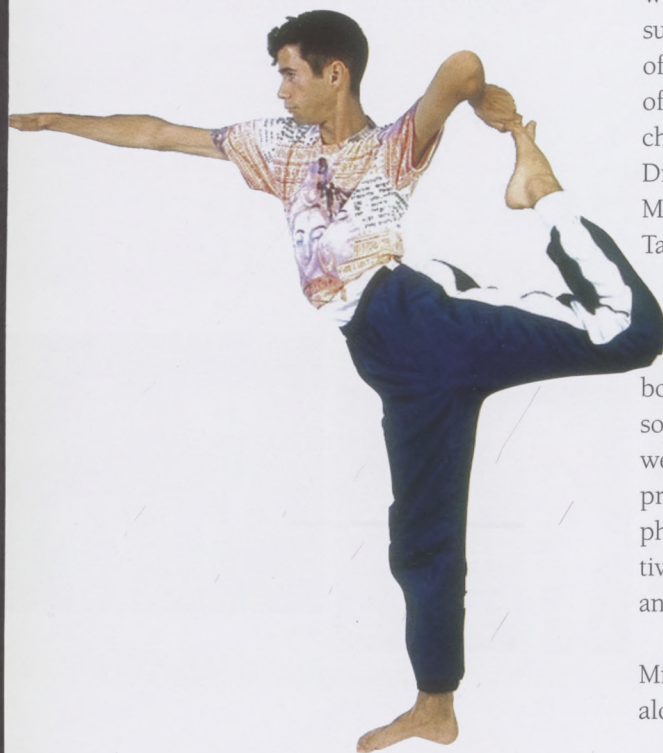






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## Naomi Wolf, Social Critic, Author of “The Beauty Myth,” Speaks at Daemen

Author and social critic Naomi Wolf, whose works include the landmark bestseller “The Beauty Myth,” spoke to a packed house at Daemen on November 5 in Wick Center. In her talk, “The Changemakers: Ethical Leadership & Real Power,” Wolf addressed points that highlighted characteristics of ethical leaders, pointing out that leaders set the tone in corporations and government.

Her wide-ranging presentation – delivered as she walked through the audience with a wireless microphone – also covered topics such as empowerment, ways women can change their lives for the better, voice their concerns and enact change. She also spoke about the tragedies of 9/11 from a very personal perspective, pointing out that she and her family live within blocks of Ground Zero.

Following numerous anecdotes about her role in two previous democratic presidential campaigns, Wolf took questions from the audience.

Wolf’s initial work, “The Beauty Myth,” was an international best-seller, challenging the cosmetics industry and the marketing of unrealistic standards of beauty, and launching a new wave of feminism in the early 1990s. *The New York Times* called it one of the most important books of the 20th century, pointing out that “Wolf has given voice to women of all ages, exploding the social myths that keep women struggling in their fight for equality.”

Wolf is co-founder of the Woodhull Institute for Ethical Leadership, an organization that teaches young women how to become leaders and agents of change in the 21st century. Woodhull has graduated over 250 students. In teaching the tenets of ethical leadership (including the compassionate use of power and conflict resolution), it offers professional development programs

in business, the arts, media, law and politics.

A graduate of Yale and former Rhodes Scholar, Wolf has written essays for *The New Republic*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Glamour* and *The New York Times*. She was a consultant to the Gore 2000 presidential campaign, a *Glamour* woman of the year and named by *TIME* as one of the 50 most notable leaders under age 40.







# NAIA Names Seven All-America Scholar-Athletes at Daemen

By BETH SEIBERGER

They run, jump, kick, spike and save; soon, they will teach, rehabilitate, cure, advocate and maybe do a little coaching in their spare time. They are among the elite at Daemen who excel not only on the playing field, but in the classroom as well.

For seven Daemen students, the combination of athletic prowess and superior academic achievement has resulted in the honor of being named All-America Scholar-Athletes by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

The honor is a well-deserved nod to those who perform the difficult balancing act of studies, sports and jobs. Most, though, will simply call it a way of life.



Ashly Lawton

This year's recognition by NAIA is not a first for some of the honorees. Ashly Lawton, a senior majoring in physical therapy, was also named an All-America Scholar-Athlete last year.

Drawn to Daemen's reputable PT program, Lawton was accepted at Daemen based upon her academic merits. Though she had no plans to play soccer competitively while attending college, her freshman year happened to coincide with the inception of Daemen's women's soccer team.

Lawton, a self-described "aggressive midfielder," balances the rigors of the PT program with "a lot of studying on the bus and a lot of time management."

Of her playing style, Lawton says, "I'm definitely a hustler."

Apparently, and not just on the field. In addition to her successive NAIA nods, Lawton will be graduating with her Doctorate in Physical Therapy – a newly instituted six-year program at Daemen – after only five years of study. But Lawton has one more goal that she would soon like to achieve: to work at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO, either as one of her clinicals or as a career. A lofty



Natalie Dumas

goal, but not out of reach for this top achiever.

Like Lawton, fellow soccer standout Natalie Dumas has set some lofty goals for herself. Dumas, who graduates this year with a degree in early childhood and special education, has prepared herself to give up soccer for a while after playing for four consecutive years. But she plans on giving it up for something even more fulfilling: missionary work.

Though she'll be qualified to start teaching immediately after graduation, Dumas sees missionary work, in either Latin America or Africa, as another part of her calling to work with children.

This goal is consistent with Dumas' values as a true team player. "I don't do it for myself," she says. Dumas says that she could never play individual sports, and that she gets inspiration from other players who excel for the good of the team.

Dumas says that she is not afraid of a challenge either, and this quality should serve her well wherever she





lands. As goalkeeper, she welcomed the opportunity to play tougher teams, even if it resulted in a loss overall. She took a lot of shots, but says, when "I get to make a lot of saves...it's worth it!"

Michelle Bloom, a junior physician assistant major, biology tutor, and the only cross-country runner to receive the NAIA nod this year, knows a bit about challenging herself as well.



Michelle Bloom

"This was my best season ever," says Bloom.

Though she injured her foot and did not do her usual amount of pre-season training this year, she finished 88th out of 256 competitors in the NAIA Nationals, held in Kentucky. She hopes to finish even better next year. "I know I could definitely run faster if I don't have to worry about injury and icing my foot all the time," says Bloom.

Though she describes herself as

an individual competitor, she sees a bright future not only for herself, but for her team as well. "The coach does a lot of recruiting, and the girls are really motivated," says Bloom.

Motivated is a good word to describe another of this year's scholar-athletes. Lisa Schrank, an outside hitter for Daemen's women's volleyball team and junior business administration major, sees herself studying law at one of the nation's top institutions after graduation. "Boston College maybe, or George Washington," says Schrank.

Though only a junior, Schrank will soon know for sure. She is graduating a year early with her Bachelor's degree in business.

Schrank describes this season, her final one, as her most memorable. She credits not only the other players, but coaches Katie Schrantz and CJ Denk, with the team's continual improvement.

As for her life after Daemen, Schrank is looking ahead to some big changes, beginning with law school, but she says that volleyball will remain a constant. "It would be devastating to me if I didn't have sports in my life," says Schrank.



Lisa Schrank



Mary Bellanca

Teammate Mary Bellanca, a junior who is majoring in Elementary Education, echoes this sentiment. Recruited based upon both academic and athletic merits, Bellanca has been playing volleyball since she was thirteen, and does not plan on stopping anytime soon.

Bellanca says that after graduation, she plans on doing some coaching. She's already gained some experience as a coach in a locally-based traveling volleyball league, Cheetah.

A strong defensive player, Bellanca has seen overall improvement in the women's volleyball team, and she looks forward to an even better season next year. "Every year at Daemen, we go one step further. This year we were one game away from nationals," she says.

Eventually, she'd like to stay and work as a teacher in the Buffalo area after graduation, but says, "I'll go wherever it takes me."

Bellanca's teammate Kristie Martzolf, a setter for the women's





volleyball team and a junior majoring in math education, says that she would also like to stay in the area after graduation. She still has another year at Daemen, and hopes to be a part of the team's continual improvement. "I hope to keep the record going," she says.

Martzolf attributes the team's success this year to the right combination of people serving in the right leadership capacities. She says that, next year, she would like to take on a stronger leadership role. And, in addition to finding a teaching job locally after she graduates, Martzolf adds that she would like to do some coaching, in either volleyball or softball.

According to Vincent DiGiovanna, a junior majoring in physical therapy, balancing athletics and academics is about determination. DiGiovanna plays right defense on the men's soccer team.



Kristie Martzolf



Vincent DiGiovanna

The chance to play soccer competitively was a factor in DiGiovanna's decision to attend Daemen. Last year, he received the All Conference designation from the NAIA. Though the team fell a few wins short of playoffs this year, he's seen consistent improvement.

In addition to balancing soccer with the PT program, DiGiovanna volunteers for Family Fitness Matters, an outreach program aimed at fighting obesity in children.

He says he's considering sports medicine as a specialization, but has no definite plans. But, sports will definitely play a role in his future. "I grew up a jock, so I'll try to be one for the rest of my life!"

Of being a scholar and an athlete, DiGiovanna says that determination is the key.

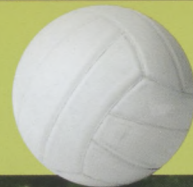
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# New Coaches & New Synergy Boost Women's Volleyball Team!

By Beth Seilberger

It was a season of firsts.

Under the direction of new head coaches Katie Schrantz and CJ Denk, 2003 was a season of change and precedent-setting victories for Daemen's women's volleyball team.

The team reached a new high this year when it competed in regional conference play-offs. No previous women's volleyball team at Daemen has ever made it that far. And it seems that they are just getting started.

For Schrantz and senior outside hitter Lisa Schrank, the most memorable win was during play-offs against Mt. Vernon. The win followed this year's NAIA regional conference split between the north and south. Southern conference teams, which include Mt. Vernon, are generally considered more competitive, according to Schrantz, and include some nationally ranked teams. Daemen is part of the northern conference. The success enjoyed by this team came gradually, however.

In the beginning, says Schrantz, the players were each playing their own game. By the end, they meshed as a team. There were a few spats between players early on, adds Denk. However, as the season went on, the team acquired a real give and take attitude. The wins, Schrantz points out, kept everybody's spirits up.

Schrantz and Denk agree that



Volleyball coaches CJ Denk and Katie Schrantz

next year, the goal is to make it to nationals.

"Anything less than winning our conference and going to nationals would be a disappointment," says Denk.

Though the team is losing three outstanding senior players, Schrantz and Denk say they have seen some outstanding recruits that they hope to sign on next year. And, it does

not hurt that young women who are interested in attending Daemen for its academic programs and in playing volleyball competitively are taking notice locally, and from as far away as Colorado, Kentucky and Ontario.

"We're really making a name for ourselves," says Schrantz.

And the secret to their success? Schrantz says that this year's team





was basically the same as last year, with the exception of one senior who graduated. The new freshman players, Schrantz says, clicked with the team.

Maybe it also has something to do with the team's two new head coaches and a new approach.

Schrantz, who graduated from Daemen in 2002 with a Business Administration degree specializing in sports management and human resource management, was apprehensive at first about coaching her former teammates.

"I didn't have a clue what to expect," she says. Schrantz was unsure whether she would be treated as a friend or coach, and whether she would have any authority. But, she says, that never became an issue.

Daemen Athletics Director Don Silveri actually called Schrantz out of the blue. The former coach had

taken a new job elsewhere. Schrantz agreed to take the position on one condition: that CJ Denk would also be brought on board, and the two could act as head coaches together. Denk, a competitive beach volleyball player, is the first male coach the team has ever had.

"I actually enjoy coaching women more than men," says Denk. "They're more team-oriented. You don't have to deal with as many egos."

According to Schrantz, her assistant's "Go Get-em" attitude and love of the team have paid off tremendously. And Denk, who commutes an hour and a half from Rochester to coach daily practices, ranks highly among players, too.

"I can just see this program continuing to grow because he's doing such a great job recruiting," says Schrank. "They've done a great job," she adds.

Mary Bellanca, who plays the defensive position libero, agrees Schrantz and Denk have changed things, and given the team a different look. Schrantz credits the team's senior captains with this year's successes as well; Tristan Seibert, Adina Doeing and Jamie VanHorn led practices when Schrantz and Denk had to miss them to recruit players.

"I couldn't have asked for better captains. I had total faith in them," Schrantz says.

Schrantz is grateful for the support that the team received from students, faculty and the player's families, which increased during conference play-offs. She urges the Daemen community to continue supporting them.

"It's a really good feeling for them to know that the school and the community are interested in what they're doing."







## Junior Michelle Bloom Leads Cross-Country Team

It has been said that cross-country running can be a lonely sport, but try telling that to the Daemen Women's Cross-Country team. Coached by Jeff Gruendich, the team recently finished its best season ever, placing in the top 10 at the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) Region IX Championships. The reasons? Teamwork, talent, and training. According to Coach Gruendich, the team came together, both in terms of individual work ethic and of team goals.

"There is an 'I' in team, at least in the sport of cross-country," said Gruendich. "For the first time, we had everyone working individually to achieve the same goal – to improve our record as a team. Cross-country is an individual sport, but it is also team oriented. The girls have supported each other in a very positive way, and it has helped each girl succeed on an individual basis."

The team was led by junior Michelle Bloom, who was the first Daemen runner to qualify for NAIA Cross-Country National Championships, held in Louisville, KY in November, 2003. She was the third of five individual runners from Region IX to qualify for the Nationals, finishing the 5K race in 19:41. Out of 256 runners at the NAIA Nationals, Michelle finished 88th, achieving her best time (19:22).

Bloom, who was named an All-America Scholar-Athlete, has a 3.83 cumulative average in the Physician

Assistant Program. She believes that her success is due in part to her teammates' support.

"The closeness we have as a team has made a huge difference," she said. "You can push yourself as an individual, but if you want to do it for the team, it pushes you to do even better. What you do as an individual makes your team do well, but without the support and cheering from your team, it's harder to achieve your best."

"I'm looking forward to our team improving. Everyone is working very hard; we have a tough, disciplined training program, and the girls are very focused. I'm also looking forward to my own personal improvement; I want to get better and faster. Last season I was just coming back after an injury that kept me from running for five months. Next season, I hope to have had a full summer to train. I want to really concentrate on my running; it will be my last year in college, and I'm very excited about our team's potential."

Coach Gruendich also hopes to continue the team's momentum. "This season, we placed second at the Notre Dame College Invitational, running against nine teams from our region. We also finished sixth of 13 at a very competitive meet at nationally ranked Roberts Wesleyan University. Next season, we'll be ready to take on new challenges. We have a young, talented team which thrives on competition."



### Correction...

A photo was mistakenly captioned as Tristan Siebert in the last issue of *Daemen Today*.





Western New York State Senator Mary Lou Rath (R), seen December 4, 2003, prior to the dedication dinner for the Mary Lou Rath and Edward A. Rath, Jr., Sunroom in Rosary Hall. The Sunroom was dedicated to Senator Rath and the late Edward A. Rath, Jr., for their longtime support of and advocacy for the College.



Welcome  
to the Dedication Dinner  
for the  
Mary Lou Rath and Edward A. Rath, Jr.  
Sunroom  
in Historic Rosary Hall  
December 4, 2003



## A Letter from the Alumni Relations Director

My Fellow Alum,

As the snows of winter begin to melt, I fondly remember May 1992, when my family trekked across the state for a very important milestone in my life – Commencement. As the first college graduate in the family, this event was a key turning point in my life – I was starting my career.

Shortly, another group of fine, bright, talented and well-educated students will enjoy the same excitement experienced by graduates of Rosary Hill and Daemen since 1952, when degrees are presented at Kleinhans Music Hall. Each student becomes a member of the College family at orientation and begins their first chapter as a lifelong College family member.

As you know, earning a degree does not end your relationship with the College – it simply takes a new and very exciting turn. This May 22, our newest graduates will enter the next chapter in their book as family members – they will start their careers.

Take a step back in time and remember the excitement and anxiety that accompanied this change in your life, whether it was last year or over 50 years ago. Whether the economy is strong or weak, finding a job immediately after finishing college is a challenge because of the competition with thousands of other graduates striving to start their careers as well.

The alumni in certain chapter areas are making strides to help our fellow family members (new graduates) at Chapter 2 Alumni Networking Receptions surrounding Commencement and Senior Week. Graduates and their families are invited to network with alumni during Senior Week (on campus) or the week after, in Syracuse, Rochester, Albany and New York City.

The chapter leadership in these areas is working diligently to bring alumni together to welcome our newest alumni family members into the working world and take that first step



toward a successful career. I am proud to be working with great leadership in the alumni chapters and with my colleagues in the Career Development Center as we welcome our newest graduates into the family of alumni.

As I travel to these sites and to other areas of the country, I look forward to seeing as many alumni as possible – remember, if I don't make it to an area near you, you can always find me at [www.daemen.edu/alumni](http://www.daemen.edu/alumni) or call me directly in the office at 716.839.8212 or toll-free at 866.432.2586 (866.4DC.ALUM). Paula Justin, our office program assistant, and I are proud to work with the entire alumni family.

Best wishes for a safe and warm summer season.

*Peter L. Brodie '92*

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# New Alumni Affinity Program Rich in Benefits All Around

By Paul Chimera

If rank has its privileges, then joining the ranks of Daemen College alumni just got even better. Daemen's attractive new Alumni Affinity Program allows alumni residing in the United States to save on an extensive range of insurance products and other important services. The program is also extended to Daemen faculty and staff.

Daemen Alumni Relations Director Peter Brodie '92, explained that the College recently worked out an affinity benefit relationship with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Thanks to this new affiliation, Daemen alumni, faculty and staff members taking out auto, homeowner's, or liability insurance through Liberty Mutual should see significantly decreased policy rates.

At the same time, the College receives a rebate for every policy in effect.

Mark Enright, regional account executive for the mass marketing affinity programs at Liberty Mutual, explained details of such savings.

"Based on averages we have used, program participants may be able to save \$250-\$300 on auto insurance, or auto and homeowner's together as a package – each policy is still individually underwritten," he pointed out.

And, alumni can choose to participate in any way that suits their preference, Enright noted.

"They can deal with a Liberty Mutual representative directly, or call our direct response center at 1-800-524-9400. Of course, they can also log on to our website link to this program: [www.libertymutual.com/lm/daemena](http://www.libertymutual.com/lm/daemena)."



Due to these advantages, Liberty Mutual has found that participation levels have been "spectacular," according to Enright. As he explains, unlike some services, everyone needs to have auto and homeowner's insurance. And for younger alumni especially, this group discount is vital, because they have the expenses of just starting out – car payments, loan payments, rent, maybe starting a family – and saving where you can is invaluable. Enright added that college graduates get preferred rates because they're generally more financially stable and a better risk than nongraduates.

Brodie noted that the affinity program also entails three other alumni benefits.

"One is a defensive driving program offered to alumni at a cost as much as 50 percent lower than what non-alumni pay. We think this is a great benefit. Details are available from the Alumni Relations Office.

"Another affinity benefit is the Towne Motor Car Purchase Benefit Program. This past year, Towne Ford of Western New York donated the possibility of a hole-in-one vehicle at the Daemen Golf Classic. Since that donation, Daemen has been approached by a consultant hired by Towne Motor to promote affinity purchase programs at their dealerships ([www.towneauto.com](http://www.towneauto.com)), allowing the Alumni Association to receive a rebate, while individual car buyers would benefit as well. Details on this can also be obtained from the Alumni Relations Office," he said.

Finally, Brodie pointed out, a program called Independent 529 Plan Guaranteed Tuition at America's Private Colleges allows individuals to pay for a year or more of college tuition at current prices, less a discount at any participating private college in the country. The plan, Brodie notes, allows participants to lock in today's prices. Guaranteed prepayments and refunds are available if the future student does not attend a participating private college (adjusted for market performance).

Details on any of the alumni affinity programs are available by contacting the Alumni Relations office at 716-839-8212; the toll-free office line at 866-432-2586; or online at [www.daemen.edu/alumni](http://www.daemen.edu/alumni).



# Distinguished Alumni 2003

Awards Presentation –  
Homecoming & Family Weekend



## *Alumni Advancement in Career Award* M. Janice Nelson '66 - Elementary Education

Honored several times over her career for her work and development of the Nursing Profession, Nelson has held the positions of assistant professor in nursing service at Adelphi University; associate administrator and director of nursing for University Hospital in Syracuse; co-director of the nursing education program at SUNY Upstate Medical Center; and professor and dean of SUNY Upstate Medical Center. Additionally, she has held leadership positions in Nurse Educational Funds and Syracuse Home Association, and served on the boards of Visiting Nurses System; Foundation for the NYS Nurses Association; and Central Counties Professional Nurses Association.

Nelson formerly served on the Governor's Task Force on Life and Law; NYSNA Task Force on Structure; Central New York AIDS Steering Committee; and has been inducted into

the Nursing Hall of Fame at Teachers College, Columbia University. Among many other honors, she has received the Distinguished Achievement Award



in Nursing Education, also from Columbia; the Community Mentor award from the Omicron Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International; and the Award for Nursing Excellence from the Central Counties Professional Nurses. She also wrote and published *The Nurse as an Educator*, a winner of the American Journal of Nursing book of the year award.

## *Alumni Outstanding Service to the Community Award*

Brian F. McQueen '77 - Education

In addition to his work as an elementary school teacher for 18 years, McQueen has coached football, baseball and basketball. He became an assistant principal, and was promoted to elementary principal after creating an innovative plan, designed to reduce behavioral infractions among students. But, it was his many years in the volunteer fire service that spurred McQueen's nomination for this award. His accomplishments there include writing a fire

safety curriculum guide for teachers; creating a Children's Fire Safety Expo (which educated more than 17,000 students over 13 years); and serving



as chair for the Fire and Life Safety Committee, where his contributions included creating a statewide essay/poster contest, and a Fire and Life nationally distributed safety calendar, using artwork from students across the state. McQueen has served as chair of the Governor's Task Force on Fire Safety, and is also a volunteer fire chief in his community.

## *Alumni Outstanding Service to the Community Award*

Susan A. Connors '69 - French

Connors was nominated by fellow alumna Bonnie Bright '76, for her longtime work with the Tourette's Syndrome Foundation. Connors has appeared on national television programs to discuss Tourette's Syndrome, conducted support groups for adults, children and parents affected by Tourette's. She publishes the WNYTSA quarterly newsletter, and also sponsors many outings throughout the year for parents and children with the condition. She is

active on the national level as well, providing in-service information and training for teachers, lawyers, medical and law enforcement professionals.







**Alumni Outstanding Dedication to Daemen College Award**

*Jeanne G. Healy '86 - Natural Sciences*

Over many years, Healy served Daemen in the Career Development Center; as Alumni Affairs Director;



and as the Events Coordinator for External Relations. Throughout her tenure, she is remembered as being a key link to the alumnae of Rosary Hill, while

simultaneously engaging and involving alumni from Daemen. It is Healy's positive, uplifting energy and commitment to Daemen College over a long period of time that has led many alumni and former students of the College to inquire about her.



**Distinguished Alumni Award**

*Joyce E. Fink '52 - Art*

Nominated for her strong commitment to the College

as a former employee, Fink worked side-by-side with President Emeritus M. Angela Canavan, OSF. She has hosted appeal lunches to increase annual fund participation and previous special campaign efforts; previously or currently served on the Rosary Hill College Advisory Board, United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, Kenmore Mercy Hospital Board, Christ the King Seminar Board, Sisters of St. Francis Charity Development Council, and the Burchfield-Penney Art Center Council. Fink has been honored by the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo; the Buffalo Art Directors Club - Gold Medal Award; the SUNY Chancellors Award for Excellence in Professional Service; Diocese of Buffalo St. Paul Award in Communication; Christ the King Seminary Annual Cure of Arts Award; and the Buffalo Academy of the Sacred Heart Distinguished Alumna Award.

Most recently, she chaired and coordinated the 50th anniversary gift from the Rosary Hill College Class of 1952, establishing a tradition continued by the Class of 1953. And this past June, she was honored by being named to the Hall of Fame of the SUNY Council for University Affairs and Development in Saratoga Springs.



Above left, from left: Jeanne Healy '86, Brian McQueen '77, Michael Patane '05, Martin J. Anisman, Joyce Fink '52, M. Janice Nelson '66, Catherine LePage Campbell '84, and Susan Connors '69 posed following the awards ceremony, Homecoming & Family Weekend 2003.

From top: 1. Michael G. Patane, P.A. '05, chief student alumni ambassador welcomes those in attendance at the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner.

2. Laura Pasker, Psychology '04, student alumni ambassador treasurer, signs the guest book of an honoree.

3. Paula Fox, OSF, former administrator of Rosary Hill College, enjoys a light moment and a quick laugh before presenting the Distinguished Alumni Award to Joyce Fink '52.



# Reunion Celebrations 2003



The Rosary Hill College Class of 1958 poses outside during a wonderful weekend of recollection. The classmates celebrated 45 years since completing their studies by adopting a special project to preserve the heritage of the College on historical plaques, to be placed in the social room of the Charles J. Wick Campus Center sometime early next year.



Delectable food and great smiles were on the menu as the Rosary Hill College Class of 1963 celebrated their 40th anniversary in mid-September.



The Rosary Hill College Class of 1968 paused during their 35th anniversary reunion celebratory dinner in early October to preserve the memories of a delightful evening of fun and laughter.



Daemen College's class of 1978 brought their classmates together during Homecoming and Family Weekend with special recognition for their 25th anniversary reunion during the Distinguished Alumni Dinner.



The Class of 1958 Reunion Planning Committee (from left) Arlene Rollek Adamczyk, Susan Formahls Holcomb, Elaine Navagh Farrington, Delia McKenna McAuliffe and (seated) Julia Clark Weidemann enjoyed an amazing weekend of non-stop laughter and reflection for their 45th anniversary reunion during late September.



Rosary Hill College Class of 1968 planning committee members paused for a brief respite during their exciting weekend, (from left) Carolyn Balzer Moronski, Mary Fitzgerald, and (seated) Paula J. Barton.



College President Martin J. Anisman presented floral bouquets to reunion committee members Jeanne O'Grady Ryan (left) and Anne Steffan Gunderman, at their 40th Anniversary dinner.





Photo by Paul Lally

Ciao!

## MARY ANN SAPORITO ESPOSITO '64

Ciao Italia! If that simple phrase is familiar, you've probably ventured into the kitchen to prepare a little Italian something not made with red sauce. And, chances are you're among the millions who've tuned in to the PBS television program *Ciao Italia!* over the years. Or found a series of books with titles like *Ciao Italia in Tuscany*, or *Ciao Italia in Umbria* in a local bookstore.

Actually, *Ciao Italia!* is the registered trademark of, arguably, the College's most visible daughter,

Mary Ann Saporito Esposito, who graduated in 1964 from Rosary Hill College, with a degree in history and secondary education, and a strong desire to be a history teacher.

Forty years later, Mary Ann is still teaching, but in a venue far removed from her original vision. How did that evolve?

*Ciao Italia!* is seen on about 270 PBS stations across the U.S. and beyond. The words grace her books (eight now, with a ninth on the way), headline her website

([www.ciaoitalia.com](http://www.ciaoitalia.com)), and are mentioned whenever Mary Ann delivers an in-person culinary demonstration around the country, or makes a network television appearance.

Ciao means "Hi" or "Goodbye," and can be interpreted as "Hello, Italy" or "Hello, Italian food," since it sounds much like an English word for food – chow – Mary Ann explains, from her home in Durham, New Hampshire, near the University of New Hampshire, where her shows have been produced for 14 years.



## alumni profile

Despite her visibility, and strenuous work and travel schedules that include at least two trips to Italy a year (much of it filming show segments), Mary Ann hasn't forgotten growing up in Depew, where she was the oldest of seven children. She also has strong memories of practice-teaching history in Buffalo's Seneca Vocational High School, and, of course, her Rosary Hill experience.

Her first question to a caller from Buffalo (me) after snow (or lack of it) is dealt with is, "My wonderful teacher, Dr. Ned Cuddy. I've always admired him so. Is he still there?" Assured that he is still active in the History Department, she then talks about her life.

"Ever since I was a little girl I wanted to be a teacher. No one in my family had been a teacher, but it was what I wanted. I even set up a blackboard in that big old house where we lived in Depew," she recalls.

"My dad was a chemist and my mother had seven kids to raise. I was the oldest. My dad was the first in his family to go to college. They had little money, but he was able to attend St. Bonaventure University on a basketball scholarship. Later, he coached the St. Mary's High School basketball team and I'd tag along. I guess a little of that teaching rubbed off on me," Mary Ann continues.

"We lived in an Italian neighborhood and my two grandmothers were there. One had a grocery store and a butcher shop; she was the butcher. The other ran a boarding house. She had the only bathtub around and charged people 25 cents to use it. These women came from

Italy and couldn't read or write English, but they could feed people. I was around Italian cooking all my life; my grandmothers taught me everything they knew," she adds.

Mary Ann admits, years later, "I did not always love to cook. I learned about traditional Italian food and its preparation while I helped in the kitchen. However, like many young people, I considered cooking a chore and did not appreciate the importance of food as a means of bringing families and friends together."

After graduating from St. Mary's Elementary and St. Mary's High School, Mary Ann opted for Rosary Hill, after dismissing thoughts of out-of-town schools.

"With seven kids my mother still needed help, so I decided to look at local colleges. I wanted someplace small where people would know me, and this was only a half hour from home. I liked the fact that Rosary Hill was all women and Catholic. I liked the Sisters. My father had been trained by the Franciscans at Bona and learned much from them, and Rosary Hill's Sisters were Franciscan, too. The shoe just fit and I felt I should go there," Mary Ann notes.

"I loved colonial history – that's why I ultimately came to New England. I was good in languages, history and English, but I had no mind for science." Her Italian was learned at home and, in graduate school, she perfected grammar and fluency.

Even with home so close, Mary Ann lived on campus, dividing her four years between Padua and Lourdes Halls and living with a



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resident nun, Sister DeSales.

"With seven kids, it was very hard to concentrate at home. And, I didn't even go there weekends, unless I had to," she laughs.

"I enjoyed college life with the Nuns. At supper your clothes had to be just right, and the school still had curfews. It was a very respectful, moral environment, where I was challenged intellectually. I wasn't the greatest student, but when I left there I was well equipped to teach," Mary Ann emphasizes.

Initially she taught at Buffalo's former Archbishop Carroll High School. She then moved to Rochester and continued teaching while her new husband, Guy Esposito, who had also attended St. Mary's, completed his studies to be an orthopedic surgeon at the University of Rochester.

After a stint in Florida, when Dr. Esposito served in the Air Force, he





subsequently joined a medical practice in Durham, NH. "What better place to immerse yourself in American history than in New England?" Mary Ann asks.

In Durham, hard by Portsmouth and New Hampshire's short Atlantic coastline, Mary Ann became involved in a Sturbridge Village-type of attraction called Strawberry Bank, doing historical research and writing. She was also honing her writing skills at the University of New Hampshire, work that ultimately led to a Master's degree in history in 1991. Her thesis was based on translating a 14th century Italian cooking manuscript.

In the early 1980s, Mary Ann discovered that she enjoyed writing about both history and food. Her interest in Italian food was rekindled by her first trip to Italy with her husband, where they became involved in a cooking class.

He traded in his scalpel for a spatula, and was the only man in the class, she remembers. Later, she wrote an article about the experience, and it won a contest by a medical economics magazine.

The trip and the article inspired additional research into Italian food and cooking, and more trips to Italy (she's gone about 50 times) and writing articles on the subject for many publications, including airline magazines. She spent time in many regions of Italy learning more about their food traditions and place in history. She also draws upon her childhood cooking experiences, which helped define her career path.

Simultaneously, Mary Ann operated a small catering business, slanted

toward Italian food, with a friend. She also interested the University in an Italian cooking class.

"The University of New Hampshire was always looking for people to present courses to the community. In the mid-1980s, people were learning about olive oil and its benefits. They asked me to teach a course on Italian food and culture. While I was doing that, I thought maybe we could develop a program for cable television, wherever a signal from the University of New Hampshire would go," she remembers.

Mary Ann submitted a proposal and pilot program idea but, initially, nothing happened. So, she simply continued teaching, researching, and operating her catering business.

"I started thinking about writing an Italian cookbook and working with my mother, who was now in Lancaster. I had all this random stuff – recipes, culture, teaching, and Italian history – going on. While trying to put it all together, the University called and said they were ready to revisit the TV idea," Mary Ann notes. It was early 1989.

"They wanted to do a pilot. They came to the house early in the morning and stayed until 8 that evening. It was an all-day thing. They'd never done a cooking show and I'd never done TV, so we did a lot of learning together. I had great reservations and mentally it was very tedious," she remembers of that day.

The pilot was a success, however, and they did 13 shows that season. But one thing they all quickly learned in the process, was that a home kitchen just isn't meant to be

a TV studio.

"So after that, they built a set for me – on campus!" she laughs.

Once the first season was over, the "What Happens Next?" question surfaced. Would there be a 1990 season, and, if so, in what form? The answer wasn't long in coming.

"We were getting ready for the second season when the executive producer burst in one morning yelling "PBS just picked us up!" Mary Ann relates.

Since then, the program has spread throughout the United States, and is seen in Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom, and even South Africa. It is believed to be the most watched Italian cooking show in America, tuned in by an estimated 1.4 million fans. In last winter's Nielsen TV ratings, *Ciao Italia!* outstripped "This Old House" and was crowding "America's Test Kitchen" in popularity. Which is to say, it's come a long way, baby.

The show has many levels, Mary Ann points out. With many scenes shot in Italy, it's part travelogue, and geography plays a big role in what grows where, if at all. Italian words are interspersed with English, but she is careful to include an understandable translation. And her love of history encourages viewers to learn something about the background of such key places as Tuscany, Florence, Umbria and Sicily.

They also learn of Italian culinary delights and how to make them. "I always try to use recipes where the ingredients are readily available locally," she notes.

"As host, I am responsible for all of the content," Mary Ann says. She



spends endless hours in research and in talking with people she'll be visiting on the next filming trip to Italy, learning about what they'll be seeing and taping. There is no script; whatever comes through on TV is what was said spontaneously, as in a conversation.

Like many things in life, the shows are more complicated than they look. Her own kitchen is still the set in New Hampshire, but the combined production crew and kitchen staff now numbers up to 25.

"My television kitchen is cozy enough, but cooking under hot lights is a challenge. Certain foods are not attempted because they do not hold up well under what are often less-than-ideal conditions in the studio," she allows.

"But, I'm still a teacher working with students, and from the questions they ask, I know they're doing their homework," Mary Ann says.

As for impact, "I could write a book on stories people have told me. One man wrote that he had AIDS and had about given up. But, eventually he decided to get off the couch, go to the kitchen, and learn how to cook Italian. Another wrote that her mother loved the show so much that when she died, she was buried in her Ciao Italia! apron."

Mary Ann and her husband have two children – grown, but not gone. They do come home: Visits from son Christopher, who lives and works in Washington, D.C.; and daughter Beth, who is in Paris. And, Mary Ann's husband occasionally trades his medical office for the set.

"He's very well versed in Italian wines and may be on the program at times, talking about their health value," Mary Ann points out. "All in moderation, of course!"

● By Dale C. English



**Ciao!**





# BONNIE SZYMONIAK CASSIDY '78

Health Information Management, known simply as medical records during the pre-computerized days of the early 1970s, now is at the heart of almost everything having to do with today's health care pipeline – from diagnosis through treatment to determining who pays the bills, and how.

And, with the multiple efficiencies in information processing provided by computers, Health Information Management, or HIM, is now closely involved in how long a patient should be hospitalized for a given condition; helps medical personnel track a patient's medications and progress; and provides easy reference for physicians to consult with colleagues – locally or nationally – for the best treatment avenues for particular situations.

In fact, the business of managing health care records has advanced so rapidly in the past 30-40 years that whole companies, and major divisions of accounting firms, have evolved to serve the system, offering consulting services to all types of health care providers – from one-person doctor's offices to massive teaching hospitals. Moreover, many health care providers find significant cost and staffing advantages in outsourcing their HIM system, which has created a booming market for firms offering these services. As a result, highly skilled professionals with a strong grounding in both the medical and business administration sides of health care are required.

Bonnie Szymoniak Cassidy, a 1978 graduate of Daemen College,

has forged a career in this challenging and rapidly-changing field. Cassidy, who is president of the College's Atlanta Alumni Chapter, graduated with a B.S. in medical record administration. Now known as HIM, it is one of the fastest-growing healthcare professions. Health information management professionals serve the healthcare industry and the public by managing, analyzing and utilizing data vital for patient care – and making it accessible to healthcare providers when it is needed most.

"Accurate patient billing and reimbursement to providers centers on competent health information management," Bonnie points out. "By compiling and analyzing data from many patients, effective health information management can help identify ways to better utilize resources, reveal public health patterns, and lead to establishing new medical treatments. And, just as health information managers make medical records available to legitimate users, they also work diligently to protect patient confidentiality.

"At Daemen, there was an atmosphere of encouragement and success. We were focused on being strong medical record professionals in the healthcare industry," recalls this graduate. "As a result, some of the greatest contributors to the HIM profession were graduates of Rosary Hill/Daemen College, including Claire Dixon-Lee, a graduate and former teacher at Daemen, and Susan (Pominville) Hanson, a former clinical site instructor for the

College. In addition, both of these Rosary Hill alumnae are former presidents of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) and nationally known experts in HIM." AHIMA ([www.ahima.org](http://www.ahima.org)) is the dynamic professional association that represents more than 46,000 specially educated health information management professionals, like those who graduated from Daemen College, who work throughout the healthcare industry.

"This network of Daemen College alumni and former faculty serves me well today and was largely responsible for my success," she adds.

Today, Cassidy, a Buffalo native, is Vice President of Client Services for Precyse Solutions LLC in Atlanta, GA ([www.precysesolutions.com](http://www.precysesolutions.com)), a nationwide provider of HIM consulting and medical transcription services. Cassidy describes her role with Precyse Solutions as one of HIM leadership for sales and business development.

Growing up in Buffalo and attending the former St. John Neumann High School in Williamsville, she had always been interested in healthcare administration. Her late father was an attorney whom she credits with introducing her to the world of medical records – and with the need for accuracy in those records. And it was also Bonnie's father who encouraged her to attend Rosary Hill – it became Daemen two years later – because of the school's strong health sciences program, and also because of family considerations.

"My father encouraged me to



## alumni profile



were primarily health science courses. The last two years were in the Medical Record Administration Program, when we began studying medical record management, including hands-on clinical affiliations, such as cancer data management at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and other area hospitals." Her experiences also included a four-week management affiliation at New Britain General Hospital in Connecticut.

"It was excellent training for the real world," she notes. At Daemen College, she became the first president of the Student Medical Record Association, a slot that would figure in her career progression. She later would hold numerous professional volunteer roles, including president of the Ohio Health Information Management Association. At the present time, she is the chair of the AHIMA Fellowship Review Committee, and has recently been asked to serve on the AHIMA Panel of Surveyors, which evaluates HIM programs in the U.S.

At the time of her graduation, the Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF), a thousand-bed acute care teaching hospital in Cleveland, OH, recruited Bonnie for the Cancer Center data coordinator position. In that first position in Cleveland, she developed and maintained an interdisciplinary data bank collecting medical information on all cancer patients. Two years later she was promoted to Associate Director of the Medical Records and Statistics Department at the CCF. Later, she became the director of the Medical Records Department at St. Vincent of Charity



attend Rosary Hill because of its curriculum/course offerings, local presence and excellent reputation," she recalls. "As it happened, I had a lot of friends who went to Rosary Hill, and I was happy to be there." While she credits her father for his wisdom in professional education and career decisions, she says it was her late mother's faith in Christ's love that nurtured her interest in volunteer and charity work.

Bonnie also notes that her college days spanned the transition from Rosary Hill, begun by Franciscan Sisters, to a secular institution called Daemen.

"It was nondenominational but there was still a strong presence of Catholicism within the faculty, as well as the culture of support. We learned to support and value each

other. I've taken that through life and it has given me the ability to see where someone else is coming from. It is a most valuable skill," she adds.

In the 1970s medical record administration began making the transition from paper-based to electronic data systems. The healthcare industry began recognizing the importance of comprehensive documentation of medical services, and reimbursement was becoming more dependent on coding, Bonnie remembers.

"We learned manual processing and filing as well as computerization, and I felt fortunate to have been given the opportunity to learn both. Ultimately, what we learned evolved into health information management," she points out.

"My first two years at Daemen





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Hospital and Health Center, another major teaching hospital in Cleveland. And, while working full-time, she earned a Master’s degree in health care administration from Cleveland State University. Also during this time, she married Bill Cassidy, a Cleveland attorney.

Still living in Cleveland, Bonnie moved into health information management consulting, first as a senior

consulting serviceline, and HIM/medical record consulting.

“We’ve always been a dual career family. Bill was recognized for his accomplishments and was appointed as a Federal Immigration judge, and we relocated to Atlanta. I am very proud of him,” she notes.

Continuing her career in health-care consulting, Bonnie was a Principal at the North Highland

Company, a management consulting company in Atlanta, for the next five years before becoming a vice president at Precyse Solutions. “The whole focus at Precyse Solutions is on the business of health information consulting and outsourcing,” she points out.

Maintaining a deep respect for HIM education, Bonnie has continued to be an HIM educator,

teaching part-time throughout her career. And, for the past two years, she has been a member of the adjunct faculty at Macon State College. Bonnie credits her Daemen College experience with giving her the tools and lessons to be

successful in life, going far beyond obtaining a particular academic degree.

“We were very much encouraged

to participate in the full range of activities that were available to us. I was active in student government, and in my senior year, I was class vice president and worked with a variety of people: faculty, administrators and other students. We learned how to be leaders as well as participants. Daemen College showed me that it was not enough just to attend, but reaching out and giving back to our communities is an important obligation to expect of ourselves.”

In addition to her husband, Bonnie’s family includes their daughter, Caroline, who is a sophomore at St. Pius X High School in Atlanta. In addition to her professional memberships, Bonnie belongs to the St. Pius Mothers Club; Christ Child Society of Atlanta, and the Women’s Club of Mary Our Queen Church. Bonnie returns to Buffalo often with her husband and daughter to visit her brother, Steve Szymoniak and his wife, Amy Klein Szymoniak, both Buffalo attorneys, and their children. Bonnie, who chaired her 25th Class Reunion at Daemen last year, will be returning to Buffalo in July, 2004, to participate in the Daemen College Leadership Retreat.

“I made lifelong friendships at Daemen College, and I always look forward to coming home,” she says.

● By Dale C. English



manager at Price Waterhouse, and then Ernst & Young. She worked for the national office of Ernst & Young in Cleveland, as well as the Cleveland and Atlanta offices, where her responsibilities included providing leadership nationally to the HIM







## 60s

Mary Anne Kermis, '68, Chemistry, received the Educator of the Year Award by the New York State Middle School Association. Effective January 1, 2004, she took the position of Superintendent of Schools in the Holley School District of Monroe County.


## 80s


 Lorraine Leslie Baranski, '80, English, an Account Executive with Mosaic Marketing, and Michael William Marshall, a Machinist with Kraft Foods, were married on October 11, 2003. Lorraine and Mike live in Orchard Park, New York.

Carol LaBella Fischer, '80, Business Administration, had a successful career in business and politics. She decided to switch careers and went back to school for her Master's in education and is now in a post-graduate program for educational administration at Columbia University.

 Janet L. Trapani, '84, Physical Therapy, married Major Martin J. Loveless, U.S. Air Force, on July 19, 2003.

## 90s

 Jennifer Wright McCrone, '92, Education, and her husband are the proud parents of Patrick Joseph, born on May 10, 2003.

 Michelle Albrecht-Steffens, '92, Accounting, and her husband celebrated the birth of their first child, James Paul Lloyd, on March 26, 2003.

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**Job News** – announce that promotion or job change (including retirement) that you have worked so hard to earn. Let your classmates and fellow alum know of your achievements. \_\_\_\_\_





**Ivette Cintron-Tamari,**  
'94, Physical Therapy, was married to Ari David Tamari in April 2002. They have a baby girl named Leah Naomi born on October 14, 2003. Ivette currently works as a pediatric physical therapist/clinical specialist at Miami Children's Hospital.



**Nicole Christian Johnson,**  
'94, Physical Therapy, had her third child on July 24, 2003. Elaine Nicole Johnson joined her big brothers, Justin, 5 and Nicholas, 3, weighing in at 7lbs. 13oz.

**Brian Huempfer,** '98, Physical Therapy, graduated with a Master's Degree in Health Administration from Quinnipiac University in May 2003.



**Michelle Hund Wilson,**  
'98, Physical Therapy, was married to Todd Wilson on November 8, 2003. Michelle works as a Senior Physical Therapist at Cape Fear Valley Health System. They make their home in Fayetteville, North Carolina.



**Bobbie Bigarel Holmes,**  
'99, Physical Therapy, married Greg Holmes on June 15, 2002. Their first child, Wyatt Francis Holmes, was born on August 14, 2003.

## 00s



**Jennifer Philo Hoffman,**  
'00, Physical Therapy, works as a physical therapist at Oneida Healthcare Center. She and her husband, David Hoffman, married on August 24, 2001. They welcomed their daughter, Natalie Rose Hoffman, into the world on February 25, 2003.

**Marriages** – we are honored to announce the marriages of our alumni – many alum are marrying each other! \_\_\_\_\_

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**Births** – your child(ren) can join our Baby Bear Club if you tell us when they were born. We'll send the child a letter and a Daemen College Baby Bear. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Memorials** – tell us of the recent death of an alum or friend of the college. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Change of Address** – let us know where you are – we reconnect many friends to rekindle old friendships, help reunite sororities/fraternities, social clubs, etc. We can't put your old friends in touch with you if we can't find you! \_\_\_\_\_

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**Fond Memories** – tell us of one event (or many) which you remember the most from your experience at the College. Send a message out to your friends and family. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Michelle Tollar Rozanski, '00, Physical Therapy,** and **Michael Rozanski, '98, Physical Therapy,** were married on August 16, 2003. Michelle is a physical therapist and Mike is a pharmaceutical representative in the Buffalo area.



**Amanda Rae Bishop, '02, Psychology,** proudly announces her engagement to Brandon M. Coburn. A summer 2005 wedding is planned.



**Melissa Maccagnano Moriarty, '02, Elementary & Special Education,** and **Sean Moriarty** were married on November 9, 2002. Their son, Michael N. Moriarty II was born on July 22, 2003.

**Louise Saracina, '03, Nursing,** is working as a clinical research nurse at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

## In Memoriam

**Chet L.S. Migdalski, '82, History & Government,** a career services administrator with the American Geophysical Union, died suddenly on January 2, 2004 while visiting in Charleston, South Carolina. Chet was a resident of Alexandria, Virginia but was born in Buffalo, New York. After graduating from Daemen College, he did postgraduate study

in history at Dartmouth College and also attended the Yale University School of Management.

### Clara Smith, Sister Justa 1913-2003

Clara Smith, Sister Justa, the daughter of Michael and Mae Wallenfeltz Smith, was born on August 4, 1913, in Jackson, Ohio. Upon graduating from St. Aloysius Academy, New Lexington, Ohio, in 1931, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara.

After her profession of vows in 1933, Sister Justa began her teaching career at



Holy Rosary High School, Columbus, Ohio, as a teacher of mathematics and science. During her illustrious career she earned a degree in mathematics from St. Mary of the Springs, Columbus, Ohio; a master's degree in math from St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY; a master's degree in chemistry from St. Louis University; and a doctorate in biochemistry from St. Thomas Institute for Advanced Studies.

In 1956 Sister Justa became chairperson of the Chemistry Department at

Rosary Hill College, and taught there until 1965, when she was asked to be the Director of Research for the Human Dimensions Institute with a research grant at Roswell Hospital, Buffalo. Another research grant took Sister Justa to the University of California at Berkeley in 1966. Through her work, she received invitations to be a guest speaker throughout the United States and abroad.

After a successful career in science and science research, Sister Justa moved to Ft. Meyers, FL, in 1983, where she was a consultant at the Church of the Resurrection, and assisted in serving the poor. When her health began to fail in 2001, she retired to the Health Center at Stella Niagara, and was claimed by "Sister Death" on December 15, 2003.

Sister Justa was a Franciscan who used her many gifts to the fullest.

### Sister Marita Lannan 1923-2003

Sister Marita (Mary) Lannan was born on March 15, 1923, in Columbus, Ohio, the daughter of Peter and Hilda (Koos) Lannan. After graduation from St. Leo Elementary School and Holy Rosary High School, she entered the Sisters of St. Francis at Stella Niagara, New York. Two years later, on August 18, 1943, Sister Marita made her profession of vows.

In 1953, Sister Marita received her bachelor's degree in education from St. Mary of the Springs College, Columbus, Ohio. Always eager to learn, she also





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earned a degree in Sacred Science from Regina Mundi, Rome, Italy; a master's degree in art from Niagara University; and a doctorate from Teachers College of Columbia in Manhattan, NY.

After teaching in several parish schools for fourteen years, Sister Marita went to teach at Rosary Hill (now Daemen) College. In 1965 she was appointed Academic Dean and later



Vice President of the College. From 1980 to 1990, Sister Marita served in Rome, Italy as the General Secretary of the Congregation. Returning from Rome, she took up duties at the convent at Stella Niagara and continued to serve the Sisters until illness necessitated her entering the Health Center. Sister Marita Lannan returned to God on November 17, 2003.

Always interested in justice and peace issues, Sister Marita was Administrator of the Buffalo Area Metropolitan Ministries (BAMM) from 1976 to 1977, and for a number of years served on the Board of Vive (Refugee Center in Buffalo).

We'll miss her shy smile and hearty laugh.

Sister Justa's and Sister Marita Lannan's  
Obituaries were written by Beth Brosmer, O.S.F.





*A* REVIEW...  
*Over fifty-five years*  
 1947-2004

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*Above: The date is May 4, and the Rosary Hill College campus buzzes with preparations for Moving Up Day ceremonies.*

*1962: Enrollment totals 868 students.*

*In the News: The Cuban Missile Crisis erupts.*

*John Glenn orbits the Earth three times.*

*The Twist becomes a national dance craze.*

*Lawrence of Arabia takes the Oscar for Best Movie.*



# Daemen College Art Students Create Wall-Sized Murals for Amherst Town Court: Artwork Unveiled March 19



Six Daemen College art students, under the supervision of Daemen Professor of Art James A. Allen, created two wall-sized murals in the courtrooms in the Town of Amherst. The murals are the result of a months-long effort by the Daemen art students.

At more than 14 feet in height and nearly 20 feet in width, the artworks form dramatic backdrops to the courtrooms of Amherst Town Justices Mark G. Farrell and Geoffrey K. Klein. Permanent plaques are mounted in each courtroom, bearing the names of the Daemen students who created and painted them.



Above: (L-R) Daniel Maritato '04, Kenmore, NY; Kristin Hy '05, N. Tonawanda, NY; Jessica Treantis '04, Tonawanda, NY; Maria Bax '04, Niagara Falls, NY; Daemen Professor of Art Dr. James A. Allen; Rebecca Enser '04, Lancaster, NY; and Daemen President Dr. Martin J. Anisman. Not shown: Jennifer Reed '05, Whitesboro, NY.

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